Grants and Loan to Orissa

2089. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants given to Orissa by the Central Government in the year 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) the amount given to Orissa on loan during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) A statement showing the Central assistance for State plans released (loan and grants) to Orissa for 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below.

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Central assurance for State Plans—Orissa

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Loan	Grant	Total
1985-86	14128.877	6055.233	20184.110
1986-87	16898.919	7232.481	24126.400

Transfer of Soviet know-how in India

2090. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for transfer of Soviet know-how in India and establishment of facilities for production; and

(b) whether any specific schemes have been identified for this purpose, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir. Such proposals are included in the integrated long-term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology between India & USSR recently signed in Moscow.

(b) The identified areas include Biotechnology and Immunology, Material Science & Technology, Lasers Science and Technology, Catalysis, Space Science & Technology, synchrotron Radiation Source, Water Prospecting, Computers and Electronics. Details of the individual schemes will be worked out through mutual consultations.

Separate Cell to unearth black money

2091. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set-up a separate cell to unearth black money;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of prosecution cases which are still pending relating to central excise and customs respectively; and

(d) whether Government have prepared any specific plan to pursue these pending cases vigorously and to get them decided at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme to provide stability to capital market

2092. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme to go into the problems of the capital market in order to provide it stability and security for genuine investors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Taking measures for the development of the capital market and to resolve its problems is an ongoing exercise and suitable steps are taken from time to time to provide it stability and security for genuine investors.

Government had, in 1984, appointed a High Powered Committee under the chairmanship of Shri G S. Patel whose report has been received and decisions taken on most of the recommendations. These relate to various aspects of the capital market.

Government have also decided to set up a separate Board for the regulation and orderly functioning of the stock exchanges and the securities industry.

Indigenisation of warships production

2093. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration for achieving greater indigenisation in production of warships and for maintaining delivery schedule; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose the information.

losses written off by the defence stores

2094. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of losses written-off due to thefts, frauds or gross negligence in stores in the defence sector during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what are the reasons for progressive increase in losses during the past few years;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to streamline the management of defence stores and to reduce such losses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The amount of store losses written off due to theft, fraud, or gross neglect during the year 1984-85 and 1985-86 is shown below:—

(Rs. in thousands)

	Total amount of stores losses due to theft, fraud or gross neglect	Losses due to aviation stores	Other items of losses
1984-85 .	7,17,70	6,09,66	1,08,04
1985-86 .	10,19,24	9,78,95	40,29

Though there has been an increase in the amount of stores losses written off due to theft, fraud or gross neglect, this has been mainly due to increase in losses of Aviation Stores. If the amount of losses on account of Aviation Stores are excluded, the amount of store losses due to theft, fraud or gross neglect does not show any increase during 1985-86 but has gone down compared to 1984-85. The main reasons for increase of losses on Air Force side are the magnitude of operations, ageing of aircraft, escalation in the prices of aircraft|spares, etc.

(c) and (d) As regards remedial measures, Air Force authorities have arranged "on the job" training, one day training in a week, briefing of the crew on natural hazards, posting of experienced supervisors and enforcement of correct technical practice by Air Force personnel. Instructions have also been issued to keep close vigilance and carry out regorous checks on the professionalism of pilots. Disciplinary|administrative action against the concerned Service|Civilian personnel have also been taken.

employees of border roads organisation

2095. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers employed in all the border areas of the